

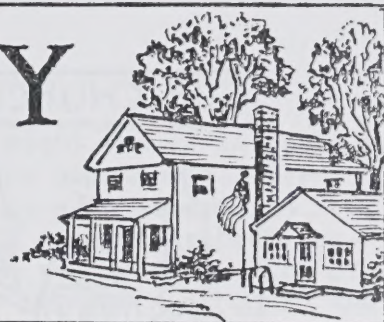
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MONTEREY NEWS



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OUR TOWN



In Praise of Monterey

With another winter drawing to a close, we are again looking forward to a summer filled with visitors from all corners of the world. This perennial balance of tranquility and stimulation makes Monterey ideal to live and work in or to visit. Moreover, there is a rare blend of a sense of tradition with informed contemporary thinking. Out of this combination comes an awareness that the land around us is there to be used as a means for the creation of human culture, and not as a source of exploitation and speculation.

Here in Monterey, far from the ugliness of the mechanized, treeless, birdless, air-conditioned city, our natural need for beauty is fulfilled. It is this enjoyment of nature that causes so many of us to love this charming village. Indeed, in a high-pressure machine culture, more than ever the solitude of our silent woods and gentle hills have a regenerating influence on us, restoring a sense of inner harmony. Thus, aware of how much the conduct of our lives is affected by our surroundings, we fully realize the importance of this treasure. For if we would lose the aesthetic enrichment of our natural world, we would be spiritually impoverished. In fact, ever since the time of Hawthorne, this whole area has been a haven for creative spirits.

And now it is up to all of us to preserve this setting the way it is, still offering many warm and personal daily life experiences, along with its individuality and authenticity.

Fred Lancome

Republican Caucus -- March 29

The following slate of candidates were named at the Republican Caucus on March 29: Selectman - Matt O. Williams; Assessor - Robert M. Gauthier; Board of Appeals - John I. Carlson; Cemetery Committee - Kenneth R. Heath (write-in: Paul M. Thorn); Constable - Raymond W. Tryon; Finance Committee - George J. Helmrich and John A. Ryder; Library Trustees - Anne Marie Makuc and Betty Lee Carlson; Moderator - William E. Mielke; Park Commission - Anne E. Vickerman (write-in: Leroy Thorpe); Planning Board - Marilyn L. Stevens, Jed P. Lipsky and Barbara J. Tryon; Tax Collector - Henry J. Makuc; Auditor - William A. Stevens; Treasurer - George J. Helmrich.

Mr. Robert J. Morrell, of Blandford, was present at the Caucus and spoke to those present at the conclusion of the regular business. Mr. Morrell said that he would be holding a press conference March 31 to announce his candidacy for the State Senate seat of the Hampden Berkshire Senatorial District. He answered questions from the floor.

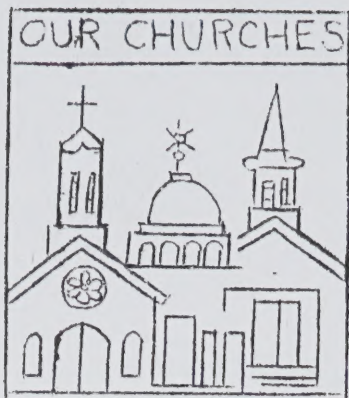
Democratic Caucus -- March 30

It was a snowy evening but about 35 valiant Democrats turned out for the Caucus. The following slate of candidates was expeditiously nominated: Selectman - Matt O. Williams; Assessor - Cynthia M. Weber; Board of Appeals - John I. Carlson; Cemetery Committee - Claude Burke; Constable - Raymond W. Tryon; Finance Committee - Maryellen Brown and John A. Ryder; Library Trustees - Anne Marie Makuc and Patricia W. Howard; Moderator - William E. Mielke; Park Commission - Anne E. Vickerman; Planning Board - Eugene O'Connell, Barbara J. Tryon and Jed P. Lipsky; Tax Collector - Henry J. Makuc; Auditor - William A. Stevens; Treasurer - George J. Helmrich.

Warrant for Town Meeting on May 4

The following Articles from the Town Warrant will constitute the highlights of topics for discussion and vote: An appropriation of \$45,000 to purchase a fire truck pumper to replace the present one, which is almost 20 years old. An appropriation of \$16,000 for a four-wheel drive truck to plow snow and sand the roads and also to serve as a dump truck. An appropriation of \$3,600 for a new police cruiser. This is due to the need for costly (approximately \$1,900) and extensive repairs to the present cruiser, which has never been considered, even when in the best working condition, suitable

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Only one Mass weekly, 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday, 10:30 a.m. . . .
Notes Church School and Confirmation Classes each Sunday, 9:15 a.m. . . . Pre-school class, 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. . . . The period between Easter and Pentecost is one in which the Church celebrates the risen Lord, and it rejoices in the new life for all who live in the spirit of the Christ.

Association and Conference Meetings

The Berkshire Association is meeting in West Stockbridge on Sunday, April 21. The meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. with a session called "Family Talk," dealing with the many church "family" concerns. There will be a supper served. The evening program is related to the program for providing a broad base of support for black colleges connected with the United Church of Christ.

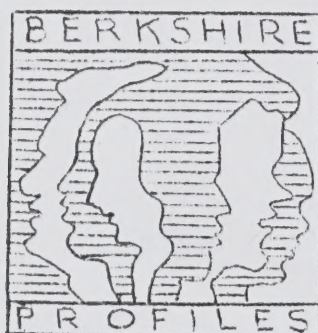
The Massachusetts Conference is meeting in Hyannis on May 3, 4 and 5. We expect our congregation to be represented at both of these meetings by delegates and guests.

Looking toward Summer

The Parish Council is devoting a large part of its May meeting to a consideration of the type of program that will best serve the summer population of Monterey. Ideas regarding activities that will fulfill the needs of various persons in the community are welcomed by the ministers. Readers of the MONTEREY NEWS are encouraged to send such suggestions.

Church Remembered in Esther Angel Will

Provision for the church to secure and distribute Bibles or scripture portions was made in the will of Esther Angel. A sum of \$1,000 is to set up the Angel Memorial Fund, the income of which is to be used for this purpose.



THOMAS F. BRADLEY, SELECTMAN

Tom Bradley is a man of many parts. It is not enough to see him weekly at the Town Selectmen's meeting on Monday evenings displaying his own particular knowledge and expertise on these very informal, and, incidentally, open-to-the-public occasions. One must encounter him across the back of a Killallen Morgan horse in foal to get the real feel of the man. This is what the Editor of the MONTEREY NEWS did a couple of weeks ago. Tom is a Skilled Conservation Worker for the Bureau of Forest Fire Control of the Department of Natural Resources, which has its headquarters within walking distance of his farm on Blue Hill Road. By 4:30 every afternoon he is home from his job of driving around in a truck on the lookout for potential incendiary danger spots in the area and back doing what he loves best: grooming and feeding the Morgan horses he raises himself, plus the six or seven part-time or year-round boarders entrusted to him by local residents.

How did a young man of 35, formerly living in Yonkers, and part of the daily commuters' grind to New York City, land in Monterey? Well, the answer is he came in by the back door. When he and his wife, Maureen, decided they had had enough of Yonkers and the "Fun City" their thoughts turned to Vermont, where they had met when she was at Trinity College and Tom at St. Michael's in Burlington, from which he graduated in 1960. So Tom subscribed to a farmers' journal and dashed up to Vermont every weekend to see what was available. Everything he saw was a disappointment -- over-priced, under-repaired and in over-developed surroundings. One weekend a small ad for a farm in Monterey, Massachusetts, caught his eye and he thought he might as well look at it on the way back from Vermont. That was it! It was love at first sight, and the only remaining problem was what kind of a farmer to be. Since he had had a lifelong love affair with horses, and Morgan horses were available within 100 miles in any direction from Monterey, Killallen Morgan Horse Farm came into being almost automatically. "Killallen" means "Beautiful Hills" in Gaelic, and the view from the house and stable corroborates the appropriateness of the name.

Ever since they moved here six years ago Tom and Maureen have been involved in the life of the Town. Maureen has served on the Board of Appeals for four years and Tom has been a Selectman since 1972. They have four children. Ecology, conservation and "keeping Monterey the way it is" are the Bradley's goals. Aren't we all with them on that?

THE EDITOR

WHAT IS A PERSON?

This is such an ancient question that surely anything one might answer in reply has been said before thousands of times. Yet, however much this question has been grappled with in the past, it still demands fresh answers in each generation. If we shout the question to our time, convincing answers would come back about persons being economic and political creatures. When we watch the preoccupation of our time with persons in government, or when we see how we all got hung up in the economics of the energy shortage, it would be hard to deny our powerful rootage in politics and economics. There is a lot in our make-up to indicate that we are powerfully motivated by political or economic considerations. There is a saying that if you touch a man's pocketbook you have touched his mainspring as well.

From different perspectives there are those who look at the human scene: One seeing the wars we have fought identifies mankind with its capacity for conflict. Another, seeing the cohesive, unitive endeavors of the race, is just as sure that the essential secret of humanity lies in the person's loving, bonding nature. There is no end of these various perspectives that may be evoked in trying to answer that ancient question of the psalmist, "What is man?"

This very disparity of viewpoints is one of the factors that keeps nudging me to see almost all human interaction in terms of spirit. It is becoming more and more meaningful to me to think of each person I meet in terms of his or her being simply a spirit. Instantly this demands that I go slow on generalizations that lump people into broad categories such as economic, political, social, fighter, lover, and so on. Rather, the emphasis begins to focus on the uniqueness of each person.

Now and then we describe a person as being dis-spirited. What are we saying except that such a one seems out of contact with the self? But when there is a return of spirit the unique qualities of the self are once more intact. Whether in my role as minister or psychologist I find that I am better enabled to make contact with each individual as I see him or her as a unique spirit, than if I start thinking of categories in which I can pigeonhole persons.

I suspect it is this quality of spirit, the organizing core of each person, that defies all our efforts to standardize the human enterprise. Every day someone comes up with a new way of "managing" the human situation, and every day there are fresh breakdown in our best schemes to "manage, standardize, educate, civilize" -- choose what term you will. There is something about seeing each person as spirit that keeps breaking out of our categories.

Somewhere, long ago, I learned that one of the functions of a psychologist is "to predict" results that will flow from certain behavior. And, of course, anyone worth his salt will find he has made a number of successful predictions. Yet much more than I am impressed with any capacity I have to predict is my capacity to be surprised. Just when I think I have summed up a situation, I may find some things happening that I hadn't anticipated. Why? Because within the realm of spirit things are not sewed up nor tacked down. Within the realm of spirit there is freedom for the new to emerge and for the unpredictable to happen.

To deal with persons as free spirits is not foolishly to act as if we have no notion of which way the ball will bounce, for surely spirit and character are terms that share much in common. But to call another spirit is to have a certain reverence for the uniqueness of that other. to call another spirit is to recognize that here is a variation in the multitude of human lives surrounding us. Each one is unique, each has a character of its own and each has a destiny to fulfill. Behind the whole viewpoint of this article is an experience that never fails to amaze and surprise me. Every time a person gets more truly in touch with his or her true self more resources and characteristics emerge that come as a surprise -- to themselves as well as to me. For this reason I keep celebrating the amazing call that comes to each one of us to accept and fulfill the claims of personhood.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

GOULD FARM

On Sunday afternoon, March 31, Maria Theresa Hazen was christened in the Main House living room. Father Cyr, of St. Peter's Church in Great Barrington, performed the ceremony, explaining it to the group present as he went along. Maria slept soundly in her father's arms. Besides her parents, her maternal grandmother, Mrs Carse, represented the immediate family. The godfather, Peter Carse, was not present. His proxy was Dennis Wettlaufer, of Gould Farm. Rickie Flach, the godmother, was absent because of illness. Loul McIntosh, also of Gould Farm, was her proxy.

Dan Reuter and his family arrived on April 2, after an eight-hour drive from Malone, New York. Previously delivered was his flock of 61 sheep and 2 goats. Sue Reuter is getting unpacked at Rockside. Elizabeth has started school in Mill River, and Ben is in kindergarten in Monterey.

Ed and Gladys Dunlop have returned from two weeks' vacation in St. Petersburg, where they visited Ed's father and mother. They were very much missed here.

On Thursday, April 4, the first annual Lumber Jack Carnival started at 10:15 a.m., back of Main House. Pancakes were cooked at the fireplace and served with fresh maple syrup. A sudden shower put the damper on further events, so the Carnival is re-scheduled for a sunny day later in the month.

Rose McKee

1974 MONTEREY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

This summer's Monterey Festival will be celebrated over the two weekends of August 9, 10 and 11, and August 16, 17 and 18. The Friday night through Sunday afternoon scheduling for Festival events seems most appropriate for most of us, according to the Festival Committee, allowing us to invite house guests and other special visitors to join us for the occasion.

This year's calendar includes an Ice Cream Cabaret with Dixieland Jazz Trio to liven things up; a Night at the Opera; a Drama and Poetry Night, featuring our own poets, as represented in the new Berkshire Anthology; another "youth explosion" with "Good Friend Coyote"; a Historical Tour of many Monterey houses and sites not previously visited. One of the most exciting events will be an Auction to help raise funds for the new Library Wing.

The Festival Committee needs help -- funds and workers. Our tiny Festival has become an established regional event, and we expect many visitors this year, even more than last. Able-bodied men, boys and girls who can run errands and help welcome guests, trucks and station wagons, a clean-up crew -- "We cannot manage without them," says the Committee. Please volunteer help, ideas and funds to the Festival Committee: Monterey Festival of the Arts, Box 232, Monterey.

NEW FOLK DANCE GROUP TO START IN LENOX

On Monday evenings from 8:00 to 11:00, Karl Finger, a part-time resident of Monterey, will be leading a folk dance group at the Lenox Community Center, 85 Walker Street, Lenox. A contribution of \$1.50 per session will be asked of all those who join the group. The first session will be April 29. Karl Finger, known in Monterey as a composer and folk singer, has been leading two folk dance groups, one in New Jersey and one in Brooklyn. Both have been successful. The dancing is mostly circle and line dancing -- Balkan, Greek and the like -- with an occasional couple dance, waltz or polka. All ages are welcome, from teen-agers to "senior citizens". singles and couples. If you are interested in joining this new group, call Ellen Blount, 528-1988.

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Monterey Grange observed Conservation Night last month. Slides on wild turkeys were shown by John Lossen, and there was an interesting talk by Henry Eggenberger, of the Massachusetts State Grange Agricultural Committee. Also present were Verna Borst, of Worthington, a member of the State Grange Home and Community Committee, and Subordinate Deputy Edwin Cooper, of Hinsdale. The last meeting was April 17. There was a Country Store to benefit local charities. On May 1, the 3rd and 4th Degrees will be conferred.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

BERKSHIRE ECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The Berkshire Ecological Association has announced that Edith Wilson, of Monterey, is the winner of the contest for an emblem representing the association. There were 23 entries in the contest. Plans have been made to have a reception for the presentation of the award on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 p.m., in the church social room. All the entries submitted will be on display at this reception. The community is invited.



WELCOME SPRING!

BROWNIES

The Brownie Troop, under the leadership of Mrs. Papp and Mrs. Labrecque, have been busy painting Easter eggs. Spring activities are being planned to end up this Brownie year.

CADETTES AND JUNIORS

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale was a great success. 410 packages were sold and will be delivered the end of

April and the first week of May. There are still a few packages available for anyone missed.

The Easter Egg Hunt this year was put on by the Cadettes and Juniors. The girls have been busy painting eggs and preparing refreshments during their meetings. The Easter Bunny made his appearance, to the delight of the younger generation. A clown helped out this year in awarding the prizes. The Monterey Park Commission sponsored this annual event.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 51 held their Blue and Gold Dinner on Friday, March 22. For entertainment we put on the Merv Miffin Show. Mr. Lester Bigg gave out the awards. Mr. Miles Rever spoke on the Boy Scouts of America. Todd Beattie received his Bear Badge and one gold arrow; Peter Bercale received his Wolf Badge and one gold arrow; Douglas Champigny received his Wolf Badge, one gold arrow and one silver arrow.

James Gauthier

BOY SCOUTS

The Monterey-Otis Boy Scouts are planning a bike ride from Otis center to Lake Garfield as one of their spring happenings. The troop will be working on their First Aid Badges during their weekly meetings. Excitement is running high for the boys as they start making plans for a week this summer at Camp Chesterfield.

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Easter breakfast was well attended and a great success for the Youth Group. The March 29 dance was also very successful.

4-H

Horse \$210.71 was banked by the Monterey Roadrunners Horse Club from their ham dinner of March 16. About 175 people were served at the dinner. Many door prizes were donated by members of the club and were given out to the holders of the lucky numbers by the Reverend Virgil Brallier.

On March 24 a dog rabies clinic was held at the Fire House. A total of 52 dogs were inoculated. The club received \$1.00 for each dog, so another \$52.00 was added to their bank account. This money will be used by the club for any field trips, trail rides or horse shows that they may want to give or take part in in the future.

On April 7, the first of a two-part horse clinic was held for the Eastern Western VEE and tetanus shots. A total of 47 horses were inoculated; the next shot will be given April 21.

Kenneth R. Heath, Sr., Leader
Gwendy O'Connell, News Correspondent

Cooking The Monterey Panhandlers have been busy again as usual. We set up tables for the 4-H Horse Club ham dinner. We also made rice Pilaf and oatmeal frosties cookies. We also did some crossword puzzles.

Kristine Heath, Junior Leader

Stamps No news is good news. The Stamp Club has been holding regular meetings every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p./, in the library basement.

Gardening The Monterey Green Thumbs went on a field trip to Ward's Nursery in Great Barrington on April 16. Plans are being made to attend the 4-H Rally in Pittsfield on May 11 and 12. The Monterey Green Thumbs will be donating plants that they have started from seed for the sales tables.

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

OUR TOWN (continued from page 1) to the needs of our Town by the present police force. Transfer of \$35,000 from Highway Chapter 140 Funds (Legislation Acts 1973) to a special Highway Bond Issue for construction and repair work on the local highways. A two-acre zoning amendment to the Town By-laws, introduced by the Planning Board after a recent public hearing. Two amendments to the Agreement with the Berkshire Regional School district: 1) to change the present Agreement so that individual towns may vote independently of other towns on all matters affecting their own schools; 2) a capital cost amendment to the present Agreement which would make the basis for assessment of each town the number of pupils in school, rather than the land valuation of the Town.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This month we are indebted to Mrs. E. P. Davis, Mr. Edward Moreton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wallace Tryon and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Volckhausen for their contributions. We are very grateful.

LEAVE TAKING

for Mariah

I go around picking up
the fragments of her day
and find a yellow sock
the size of my thumb.

The coffee water whines
on the coleman,
moths beat their fool's wings
against the screens.

When she waves herself nightly away
in my wife's arms,
it is only for a while
but I feel an undertow --

as I sip my coffee
the final syllables of her world
spill out into a sugar bowl
of stars.

Gerald Hausman

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